

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu with volunteers at the Taste of Berryessa on September 29, 2013.



Councilmember Chu presenting College of Adaptive Arts with a commendation on September 24, 2013.



Councilmember Chu at 3rd Annual Public Safety Resource Fair & Movie Night on September 6, 2013.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

We are truly fortunate to have so many outstanding individuals in our community who dedicate their time to make District 4 a better place to live. I know there are so many remarkable volunteers who have positively contributed to the success of our community and deserve recognition for all their hard work and dedication.

At this time, I ask for your help in nominating an outstanding individual, group of individuals, company, or organization that live, work, or volunteer in our community. Nominees must describe how the individual or group has made a positive impact to the District 4 community. The 4th Annual District 4 Heroes nomination period is now open and will run until December 13th. Please have all submissions in by 5:00 p.m. Please visit www.sanjoseca.gov/district4 to nominate an outstanding individual or group today!

I would like to take this opportunity to also encourage residents to get more involved in their communities. I strongly believe that the involvement of residents is one of the most vital components to building a better community. We need your help and support in order to continue making the City of San Jose a great place to live, work, and play for all of our citizens. Together, we can make a difference in our neighborhoods, communities, and city. If you have any questions, or want more information on how to get involved, please contact my office.

Best Regards,



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Email district4@sanjoseca.gov so you can be added to the email list.

District 4 Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>

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Upcoming Events in District 4

3rd Annual Spooky Halloween & Haunted House in District 4

Please join me and the East Valley Family YMCA for the 3rd Annual Spooky Halloween and Haunted House event on Saturday, October 19th at the Berryessa Youth Center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come learn about Halloween safety tips and celebrate with games, prizes, snacks, and fun! Admission is free for the community. There will also be a free haunted house, goodie bags, and pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch. The program of events is as follows:

4:00 p.m.: Activities & Haunted House Begins

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Children's Costume Contest (1-18 years of age) with prizes!



2012 Halloween Event

I hope to see you there! For additional questions, please contact Brandon Li at (408) 535-4904 or brandon.li@sanjoseca.gov.

District 4 2nd Annual Health Resource Fair

I am hosting the 2nd Annual Health Resource Fair on Sunday, November 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Get a free flu shot, vision screening, dental service, learn about Covered CA and visit over 30 health related booths. Availability of some of these services may be limited. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brandon Li at (408) 535-4904 or email at brandon.li@sanjoseca.gov.

November E-waste and Donation Drive

Stop by the last Donation and E-Waste Drive of the year at St. Victors Church, located at 3108 Sierra Road on Saturday, November 9, 2013 between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to drop off your electronic waste, clothing, shoes, and household items. My office has partnered with Hope Services in this effort to support developmental disability programs. All proceeds are tax deductible. A list of acceptable items can be found here: <http://www.hopeservices.org/pdf/DonationList.pdf>.

For more information, please contact John Koncoli at 408-761-5156.

Agnews East Developmental Center School Development Update



Both the City of San José and the Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) are working on a joint proposal to purchase the state-owned property, formerly the Agnews Developmental Center from the Department of General Services (DGS) due on November 21, 2013.

The City and SCUSD invite you to a community meeting for information regarding the School District and the City's intent to purchase the former Agnews Developmental Center property from the Department of General Services for school and park land development. The community meeting will be held on: **Wednesday, November 6, 2013, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at Don Callejon School, 4176 Lick**

Mill Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95054

For more information please call (408) 423-2000. To arrange an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act please call (408) 423-2006 at least 48 hours before the event. Please sign an online petition circulating to support the City and SCUSD's effort to purchase the Agnews site at <https://www.change.org/petitions/world-class-schools-destination-community-parks-and-a-foundation-for-silicon-valley-s-economic-future>.



Neighborhood Groups

**Alviso
Neighborhood Group**
Meets every 1st
Thursday at 6PM
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net

Alviso Water Taskforce Meets
every 2nd
Wednesday at 6PM at
the Alviso Library
www.alvisowater.org
Contact: Alviso Taskforce
alvisowater@gmail.com

**Berryessa Citizens
Advisory Council**
Meets every 2nd Monday
at 7PM at the Berryessa
Community Center
Contact: Ty Greaves
tgreaves@sbcglobal.net

**River Oaks
Neighborhood
Association**
Meets every 1st Thursday
at Premier Pizza
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

**Townsend Park
Neighborhood
Association**
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

If you are interested in starting
a neighborhood group, please
contact my office at
district4@sanjoseca.gov
or call (408) 535-4904
for assistance.

**DO YOU RECEIVE
WEEKLY EMAILS FROM
COUNCILMEMBER CHU?**

Sign-up at
www.sanjoseca.gov/district4

HALLOWEEN



Safety Tips

As we plan for another fun Halloween evening with our families, I want to share the following safety precautions families should keep in mind to ensure a safe and happy Halloween. I encourage everyone to review, discuss with their children and apply the following tips on October 31st for another successful and enjoyable holiday.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR HOUSEHOLDS

- Welcome trick-or-treaters with your porch lights & any exterior lights on.
- Patrol your street occasionally to discourage speeding motorists, acts of malicious mischief & crimes against children.
- Do not unwittingly open your doors. Make sure someone else is at home with you.
- Do not give homemade or unwrapped treats to children.
- Report any suspicious criminal activity to the San José Police Department immediately. For landlines, call 9-1-1. For cell phones, call (408) 277-8911.
- Place jack-o-lanterns in a location so that children's costumes will not come into contact with the flames.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR PARENTS

- An adult should accompany all children.
- Set an early evening time limit for your own trick-or-treaters.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Do not go inside anyone's home. Remain on the porch at all times.
- Insist on a 'buddy system' and make sure you have at least one buddy for the entire evening.
- Use caution when crossing streets. Walk, don't run, and always use sidewalks.
- Do not take short cuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.





Adopt Commodore Park

The new Commodore Park, located at the corner of North Jackson Avenue and Commodore Drive, will be opening soon! The Adopt-A-Park program is seeking volunteers to help keep the park clean and green by picking up litter, raking, sweeping, cleaning and simply being our extra 'eyes and ears' in the park. Volunteers are asked to make a one year commitment to the program as well as volunteer at least 4 hours per month. Training is provided.

If interested in learning more about the Adopt-A-Park program, please see our website: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns and click on "Volunteer Opportunities" on the left. If you would like to sign up for the Adopt-A-Park program, please email: AdoptaPark@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 793-4190.



Foam Food Container Ordinance

Are you prepared for the City's Foam Food Container Ordinance? Attend the Food Ware Open House on September 10, 2013, the City of San José adopted a new ordinance to phase out expanded polystyrene (EPS), commonly known as Styrofoam™, food ware at all restaurants in San José. The ordinance takes effect at multi-state restaurant chains on **January 1, 2014**, and at all other restaurants and smaller establishments, including mobile and street vendors, on January 1, 2015.

Attend the [November 4th Food Ware Open House](#) to learn about the [Foam Food Container Ordinance](#), and how it affects your business. You will also learn about foam free replacement containers and costs.

Food Ware Open House
Monday, November 4
2:30-4:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Community Center
901 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95116

If you have any questions, contact the Green To Go team:

Email: greentogo@sanjoseca.gov

Phone: (408) 975-2586

Web: www.sanjoseca.gov/eps

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS DATES AND LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 16, 2013

Starbucks Coffee
670 River Oaks Parkway
5:00PM-7:00PM

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2012

Berryessa Library
3355 Noble Ave
5:00PM-7:00PM

Dates & locations subject to change.



**Attendees at District 4
National Night Out Movie Night
event on August 6, 2013.**



**2nd Annual Berryessa Relay for
Life August 24, 2013**



District 4 Parks & Recreation Update

Alum Rock Park Parking:

My office has received a lot of concerns from residents regarding the parking issue at Alum Rock Park. My office has worked closely with the Parks Department to evaluate the issues concerning parking in the residential areas outside Alum Rock Park. After much discussion, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services has agreed to return the entrance parking lot to a no-fee lot. We will be saving spaces for ADA and Annual Pass Holders and will transition the lot to free use by the end of the year.

Cataldi Park:

Cataldi Park will be undergoing turf renovation beginning in October. The soccer fields are currently fenced off and will be closed to the public for 6 months.

Flickinger Park

Work has started in September to renovate the Flickinger Park picnic area. The Parks Department will be upgrading the area, replacing tables, BBQs, and will make landscape improvements so that it will be available as a reservable picnic area for community use. Construction will not interfere with the little league baseball season currently underway.

Penitencia Creek Park:

Many residents have contacted my office inquiring about the condition of Penitencia Creek Park. It is important to me that all parks in District 4 are safe, clean, and green so that our residents have high quality parks to enjoy. We also agree that Penitencia Creek Park has been heavily impacted as a result of on-going budget impacts. With the reductions of park maintenance over the last 10 years, Penitencia Creek Park was one of the parks the City chose to reduce the watering schedule and maintenance levels so that funds could be allocated to sports fields and parks where active programming was occurring.

I recognize the impact and have been working with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services to prioritize projects and ensure funding is in place to continue the improvements. There is funding this fiscal year allocated for this park. As summer slows down and the demand in the other park facilities reduces, the maintenance crew will be able to spend more time on the work required to improve the conditions at Penitencia Creek Park, including removal of the dead trees, rodent abatement, irrigation modifications, and turf restoration starting in the fall.

Proposed Dog Park:

After the May 30th community meeting, my office created a survey to solicit feedback from residents on their preferred location for a dog park in Berryessa. The top three locations were Cataldi Park, Berryessa Road, and Penitencia Creek Park. A community meeting will be scheduled this fall to present the top choices to the community and go over next steps. I will provide more information in a future e-notice once a date has been set.

Commodore Park:

Construction is underway for the new Commodore Park, located at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Commodore Drive. The 3.2 acre park will include two play areas, one adult fitness area, a passive turf area, a parking lot, and miscellaneous site amenities. Commodore Park is estimated to be complete by December 2013. My office will be coordinating a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration for this park. My office will provide more details once a date is set. In addition, many of you have inquired about the future development of the land adjacent to the park. This land is owned by the Berryessa Union School District and there are currently no plans for development at this time. If you have additional questions about this site, please contact Superintendent Will Ector at (408) 923-1800.

Reporting Park Concerns:

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services appreciates receiving feedback and concerns from residents regarding our parks. To report a park concern, please call (408) 793-5510.



City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 423-1706

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &
Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 715-6557

Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3500

Graffiti Hotline

(866) 249-0543

Our City Forrest

(408) 998-7337

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 794-1903

Street Sweeping

(408) 283-4800

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2762

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, Chief of Staff

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FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Budget, Capital Improvement Projects, Intergovernmental Relations, Labor, Personnel, Intern Coordination, and Media Relations.

COMMITTEES

Rules and Open Government; Neighborhood Services & Education



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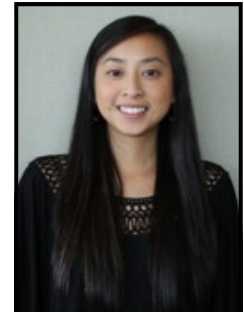
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COMMITTEES

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*If you are interested in receiving
District 4 updates, please send an email to
district4@sanjoseca.gov
or call my office (408) 535-4904.*

*I send one email a week regarding upcoming
events and meetings in the district as well as
citywide and District 4 news.*





District 4 Events

For up-to-date event information, visit
sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email
district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

9 INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

At Participating Elementary Schools

OCTOBER

10 SOUTH BAY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
 George Mayne Elementary
 5030 N. 1st Street

14 SAN JOSE CITY HALL CLOSED for COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

16 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
 Starbucks Coffee
 670 River Oaks Parkway

19 3RD ANNUAL SPOOKY HALLOWEEN & HAUNTED HOUSE

4:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.
 Berryessa Youth Center
 1970 Morrill

30 TRAMWELL CROW DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
 Alviso Library
 5050 N. 1st Street

31 HALLOWEEN



11 SAN JOSE CITY HALL CLOSED for VETERANS DAY

12 TRAMWELL CROW DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
 George Mayne Elementary
 5030 N. 1st Street.

13 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
 Berryessa Branch Library
 3355 Noble Ave

NOVEMBER

14 MAYOR'S GANG PREVENTION TASK FORCE TOWNHALL

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
 Roosevelt Community Cen-

16 COMMODORE PARK GRAND OPENING

9:00 a.m.
 Commodore Park
 Jackson Ave &
 Commodore Park

17 3rd ANNUAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 Berryessa Community Center
 3050 Berryessa Road

28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

City Hall Closed on
 November 28 and
 November 29



Councilmember Chu and volunteers at the Inaugural Taste of Berryessa event on September 22, 2012.



Councilmember Chu & Irvine Company President, Daniel Young at the Crescent Village Apartment Homes Event on September 24, 2012.



Councilmember Chu at the Berryessa Branch Library's Family Open House Event on September 26, 2012.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San Jose's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San Jose residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!

(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org



Celebrating 25 Years

Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626

Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



Help an Adult Improve Their Reading and Writing!

Become a volunteer tutor for the adult literacy program, Partners in Reading, at the San Jose Public Library (SJPL). One-on-one tutoring will take place within branches of the SJPL & other public sites in San Jose. All sessions are required and participants must register in advance.

Partners in Reading • (408) 808-2361

Make a Difference in Your Park

One day service events are a great way for families, teens, senior citizens, community, school, or corporate groups to come together, learn gardening skills, clean up local parks, and enjoy nature — all in 2-6 hours. Your neighborhood park needs you!

ParkVolunteer@sanjoseca.gov • (408) 535-3588

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